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London 24th January, 1839.

I was very glad, my Dear Friend, to receive the renewed assurance that though out of sight I am not out of mind, by your letter written on Christmas day, which I received the evening before last. It was handed me at Dr. Poget's where I was dining, by Dr. Booth. Your calculation as to my movements between Liverpool and London (that of my arrival at the former place was exact) is very nearly correct, except that you did not sufficiently think of the difficulty of getting away from Hooker. Instead of a fortnight I spent 20 days at Glasgow, and only wish I could have remained still longer. I left there on the evening of the day on which your letter was written, when you suppose me to have been in Edinburgh. I reached London on the evening of the 16th inst. My first business the next morning was to call on Booth, who received me very kindly, and informed me that Hooker was in town (of which I had not expected from Hooker's letter to me at Edinburgh) - thence I went immediately to the British Museum, where I had the good fortune to meet all at once with Hooker & Joe Hooker, Richardson, Bennett, & Brown! I have been under Hooker's wing almost ever since, who has been as attentive and kind to me, as if I were his own son, and has enabled me to form many valuable acquaintance under the most advantageous circumstances. We went at once to the Linn. Socy, saw J. Don, to Lambert to Hortic. Socy, where we saw Lindley, to Lambert's &c. - I have been with him to Royal Socy, - to breakfast with Brown, Bentham (twice), Richard Taylor, - to dinner at Bentham's (viz) Dr. Poget's, Christy's (from which I have this moment returned); and we are engaged tomorrow at Lambert's, and Saturday at Sir Francis Palgrave's, the celebrated antiquarian, Hooker's brother-in-law. I have so far been seeing men & things chiefly, but have had one or two botanical sittings with Bentham, who is a thorough kind & good fellow. He immediately had all the remaining parcels of Douglas's Calif. & Oregon plants sent down to his house, and has supplied me as well as he could; and a valuable parcel I shall have of them. But I defer all further particulars of my movements in London, as you will have them all in my journal, and I am here restricted to a single sheet, which I wish to send you tomorrow, by the Great Western, via Bristol. I would send the sheets of Journal I have written since the last sending (from Durham by a private hand, a Mr. Hof) as well as a letter to Cary & some other

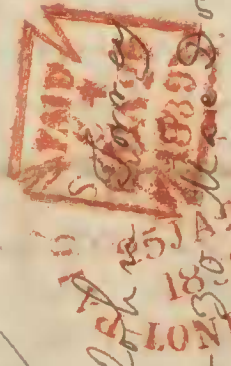
Ms B, sent out for a box of plants &c. by the ship - to fresh from Glasgow.

but I can't think of paying postage to Bristol at the
rate of 2/6 sterling per sheet. I will send by one of the first
London packets. I shall soon see Wiley & Putnam and
learn about the Flora. I have often been asked when and how
it should be obtained, and had occasion to regret that I could not
reply satisfactorily. Hooker's notice of the work, was sent in
time for appearance in the Dec. No. of *Annals of Nat. History*,
but Day's neglected it. It will appear soon, and I will attend
to its being noticed and advertised elsewhere. You ask me to
send you *Endlicher*, of which 8 or 9 parts are published; but I
wish you could wait until I get to Paris, where I shall procure
it so much cheaper, and it will not be long. I am
glad Mr. Sullivan begins so well. I will attend to his
commissions and make as careful a selection of books &c. as I
am able. I have already in my mind some excellent things for
him. Do inform Prof. Henry that I called on Clark this
morning, and learned that he had already drawn on C.
Rich for the sum due him. I shall write a note to
C. Rich this evening to prevent his drawing on Henry if
he has not already done so and pay him from the money
put in my hand for that purpose. But in case I am
too late, please ask Henry whether I shall send back to
him the odd £15. or deposit it in London to his credit, or
how. I have read Faraday's lectures, and have had the
pleasure of an introduction. I have met Lindley two or
three times, but always with Hooker. He is polite, and yes-
terday sent me a paper of his in *Hook. Trans.* (just out) on the
effects of last winter on plants. I neither seek nor avoid
him, but leave him to take what stand he pleases. Brown
hates him, and I fear with too much reason. I have seen
considerable of Brown, and like him much better than I thought,
although he is certainly peculiar. The day we breakfasted with
him we remained until 4 P.M. and he offered to show
me any thing I wished at the British Museum. He showed us
all Bauer's drawings in his possession (I have since seen
Francis Bauer's) &c. He has much more general informa-
tion than I suppose; is full of gossip, and has a great deal
of dry wit. He is growing old fast, and I suspect works very
little now, and I fear there is not very much more work
to be expected of him. He knows every thing! I asked some
questions about the vessels of *Alnus*; he at once remarked
"they unroll like a ribbon." By the way he

tells me that the plant you left with him (Nuttall's
Petalanthus) belongs to a published genus; he promised
to tell me all about it. I have not delivered your
letter to D. Don, because in it you ask him to show me
Lambert's *Heberium*, and I don't want to put him to the
necessity of giving me the reason why he can not. Old
Lambert is the queerest mortal I ever knew. Carey's
description of him was so accurate that I should have
known him anywhere. He is mad after Pacht, which
he stuffs in a peculiar manner with plaster-of-Paris,
and dries, and he has some very queer ones. He has a
woman now for a Curator in place of Don (a much
better one I believe) who stuffs the *Cacti*, &c. — Joe
Hooker and myself expect to see him there to-morrow evening.
You have sent to Bentham & Booth, each one part of
Flora thick paper, and one thin one. Bentham has
Part 1. thin, Part 2. thick; and Booth vice versa.
I spent a good part of yesterday with Bentham, and
was to have met Hooker at the Geological Society in the
evening, but botany prevailed and I stayed with Bentham,
and was a little sorry afterwards, as I should have seen
at the Society, Whewell, Daubeny! Murchison, Chantre,
the Scribner &c. — I have bought a colored copy of
Wallich's *Planta Asiaticae Rariorum* 3 vols. fol. very fine,
for £15. — the publishing price was £36. — the present copy
Henry Bohn who has bought up not only this but al-
most every other expensive British work on Natural history,
is £2. 6. It is not yet come round from Edinburgh.
I will soon send it to you. It was a presentation copy
to Mr. Greville. I suspect I shall leave this for Paris
about a month from this time, and so arrange as to spend
two or three weeks there on my return from the continent. —
I have seen the *Atakta Botanica* of Endlicher where there
is a plate of *Ungnadia* (not *Ungnodia* as spelled in
Comp. to Bot. Mag) but no letter-press as yet.
Remember me kindly to Carey's and say that I will soon
write. I am greatly obliged for his note of introduction to Christy
whom I have met this evening. Hooker & myself dined there
and had a very pleasant evening. He is to send a parcel of
California plants cult. in gardens by the Liverpool to Carey.
I have not yet delivered Carey's other letters, but shall as
fast as I can. I thank him very much for them. —

The Liverpool is expected now in a very few days, and I feel quite confident of a letter from Mrs. G. I am afraid she has not received her strength. Write me to Paris after the receipt of this; afterward continue to order me as before, care of De Courville, with the 1st July; then to Manchester unless I give other directions. As to my entire matter here, I am inclined to undertake for much. I will also let that I am inclined to undertake for much. I will also you Lindley Murray, M.D., also a set of papers from the same source. I have time to look them up. Yours affectionately Henry.

Please thank your for me for her portion of your letter, which is written in a very lady-like manner, and also her love to Eliza & Mary. I am truly glad to hear they are getting on so well, I would like to see them again before he is put into pantaloons. (By all accounts he is a pretty large fellow by this time. How he has been christened yet?)



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